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**HOUSE BILL 1066**

Short Title: DOT/Roadside Memorials. (Public)

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Sponsors: Representative Bradford.

*For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.*

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Referred to: Transportation, if favorable, Finance

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May 11, 2016

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO DEVELOP A  
2 PROGRAM WHEREBY INDIVIDUALS MAY APPLY FOR THE ERECTION OF  
3 ROADSIDE MEMORIALS FOR IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS WHO HAVE DIED  
4 IN AN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** Program; Definitions. – By December 1, 2016, the Department of  
7 Transportation shall develop and implement a program whereby an individual may apply to the  
8 Department for the erection of a memorial on the roadside of a highway honoring an immediate  
9 family member of the individual who died as the result of injuries suffered from an automobile  
10 accident on the highway near that roadside. For purposes of this act, the following definitions  
11 apply:  
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13 (1) Immediate family member. – The mother, father, brothers, sisters, spouse,  
14 domestic partner, cohabitant, children, stepparents, stepbrothers, stepsisters, and  
15 stepchildren of an individual.

16 (2) Memorial. – A metal sign inscribed with the victim's name, date of birth, and  
17 date of death. The sign shall be on a pole, the height of which shall be  
18 determined by the Department.

19 **SECTION 2.** Fee. – The Department shall charge a fee of five hundred dollars  
20 (\$500.00) for each memorial to cover costs associated with processing the application, acquiring  
21 materials, and installing the memorial. Any fees remaining after covering the costs specified in  
22 this section shall be transferred on a quarterly basis to The Humane Society of the United States to  
23 be used to cover costs associated with rescuing animals in North Carolina.

24 **SECTION 3.** Report. – By September 1, 2016, the Department shall provide an  
25 interim report to the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee on the progress made  
26 by the Department in developing and implementing the program required by Section 1 of this act.  
27 By January 1, 2017, the Department shall provide a final report to the Joint Legislative  
28 Transportation Oversight Committee on the specific details of the program implemented in  
29 accordance with Section 1 of this act.

30 **SECTION 4.** Effective Date. – This act is effective when it becomes law.

